

810-5-75-.40 Requirements for Names and Signatures on Title Applications, Title Assignments and Motor Vehicle Registrations.

(1) An application for a certificate of title, accompanied by the required supporting documents which reflect two (2) owners, shall have the names of both owners shown on the application. Two owners joined by the conjunction “and” or with no conjunction between the names shall have tenancy in common ownership rights and both owners shall be required to sign the title application. Two owners joined by the conjunction “or” or “and/or” shall have joint tenancy ownership rights with rights of survivorship and only one owner shall be required to sign the title application. No more than two owners shall be listed on an application for certificate of title.

(2) An assignment of title which reflects two (2) owners joined by the conjunction “and” or with no conjunction between the names shall have tenancy in common ownership rights and both owners shall be required to sign the title assignment. Two owners joined by the conjunction “or” or “and/or” shall have joint tenancy ownership rights with rights of survivorship and only one owner shall be required to sign the title assignment.

(3) The name of the owner(s) to be shown on the application for certificate of title shall be the legal name of the owner(s) of the motor vehicle or manufactured home for which a certificate of title is requested. Variances in the owner’s first name shall not affect the legality of the name and the inclusion or omission of a title, middle name or initial, suffix or hyphenated name shall not affect the legality of the owner’s name. However, the owner’s first name, or variance thereof, and last name are required to be shown on the application for certificate of title. Note that the owner’s name must be in agreement on all title documents and any variance(s) in the owner’s name between title documents will require that the owner provide an affidavit attesting to the variance(s). If the owner is doing business under a trade name, the trade name may be shown following the name of the individual owner.

(4) The name(s) of the owner(s) or operator(s) shown on the application for certificate of title and certificate of title shall be identical to the name(s) of the owner(s) or operator(s) shown on the registration for the motor vehicle.

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